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## FBI STUDY REVEALS SHARP INCREASE IN THE ARREST OF GIRLS AND TEENS FOR VIOLENT CRIMES

Dallas, Texas. Award winning eZine, [www.urbangirlz.org](http://www.urbangirlz.org) designed to celebrate, educate, and inspire girls and teens of color announces the release of their Pre and Junior Debutante Course Curriculum for girls and teens group leaders looking for comprehensive personal development materials. Since its inception at the turn of the century, Debutante programs have been reserved for those who were from high class society and who could afford the fees. As was then, so it is now, most girls do not have an opportunity to take advantage of the life changing experience of becoming a Debutante because of lack of access.

In the past 10 years, service providers have focused primarily on preventing adolescent pregnancy neglecting to deal with the behavior issues facing young women as evident in a recent study by the FBI revealing a sharp increase in girls being arrested for violent crimes. Debutante and Leadership programs for girls and teens have proven to be effective in introducing etiquette and personal development skills needed to adapt to different cultural and social settings; however, unfortunately, many of the girls experiencing behavior problems are financially unable to afford to participate in these programs.

In response to the need for comprehensive personal development programming that addresses basic manners, for the first time, UrbanGirlz is making available a full product line of Junior Debutante materials for girls and teens 7 - 19 years old. The Pre and Junior Debutante Course features a 200 page Teacher's and Student Manual containing 10-16 weeks of step-by-step instruction to implementing a Junior Debutante Course and sessions which include, A Young Ladies Attitude, and A Young Ladies Social Graces to name a few.

The Ladies by Design Junior Debutante Course was developed by Lady Trenette Wilson, UrbanGirlz Publisher & CEO and combines faith-based instruction, personal development and traditional charm and etiquette skills. This unique resource is ideal for "Women of Action" who only need the materials to further their community impact and activities geared at girls and teens. To begin impacting girls and teens today log on to [www.urbangirlz.org](http://www.urbangirlz.org) and order your Ladies by Design Course materials.

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